

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Kenichi Aota et al.

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For: COUPLING STRUCTURE OF SHAFT BODY  
AND SHAFT JOINT

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Examiner: E. Garcia

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated January 3, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawing** begin on page 6 of this paper and includes a replacement sheet attached hereto as Appendix A.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.